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*Peter L. Reymor
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A report comes from London that C. F. Hamilton realised, before that his services would not be required after the first of the month by the Government, whereupon Mr. Hamilton immediately vacated his office. The Government has thus lost a most efficient and ever faithful official, who is very popular throughout the entire district. The Ontario press has kindly been in regarding the loss of his good services, but cannot evaluate Mr. Hamilton in receiving his remuneration by the Government when it is so evident that he has rendered more service for himself than the Government could possibly pay him for.

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Even the Toronto Globe is becoming socialistic and now pronounces itself in favor of government ownership of railways. Here is what the Globe says:

The failure of the promoters of the transcontinental railway to fulfil the conditions of their agreement with Parliament leaves the Government free to consider the whole situation anew. There are two rival plans by which such a project could be carried out. It could be built by private enterprise with public aid, or it could be built wholly as a public enterprise. There is a strong feeling in the country that a cessation of granting bonuses to railways is about due, and that if governments must concern themselves about railways it should be as builders of them, not as mere granters of subsidies.

Public opinion is moving in that direction, and perhaps moving rapidly, but there are several circumstances in the history of Canada which justify the government in doubting whether it has yet reached the point which would warrant assuming the construction and management of a transcontinental railway as a government undertaking. The course that was ultimately adopted was a composite scheme, by which an effort was made to gain the advantage of the best features of the rival propositions. Public ownership would come in due time, while in the critical years of construction and the initial years of operation the enterprise would have the benefit of the skill, economy, and zeal which private self-interest may be depended upon to supply.

The bargain which the government made on this basis was an exceedingly favorable one from the public standpoint. Now there is a proposition to make it less favorable. Mr. Emmerson in his speech at Moncton said the concessions asked for were not material. If that turns out to be true it will be well. On the other hand, should there be any disposition on the part of the promoters to exact the pound of flesh, we feel sure that the government will indicate that it is not irrevocably committed to any one course or even to a compromise between two courses. We feel sure that public opinion would not be complacent at any considerable changes in the bargain already made. It would be disposed rather to take the risk and disadvantages that are admittedly inherent in public construction and public ownership, along with the equally undoubted advantages.

Important physiological experiments have been made in Russia to test the endurance of school children. The results prove that in the lower four classes study may be continued for 2 1/2 to 3 1/2 hours daily, or 22 to 27 hours per week, but that excessive fatigue results from longer continuance of brain work. This time for teaching these classes has been fixed by the latest order of the ministry of public instruction. It is urged, however, that this should be the outside limit, and that no lessons should be studied at home. British Columbia should take a lesson from this.

The Gulf of Kara-bugha, lately explored by Col. Spindler, covers 7,080 square miles, and has a depth of only 24 to 31 feet. Through a channel only 86 fathoms wide it receives a constant flow of water from the Caspian. This water rapidly evaporates, raising the salinity of the gulf to 16.3 per cent and covering the bottom with vast deposits of gypsum and Epsom salt. It is estimated that the Epsom salt cover 1,300 square miles, with a thickness of seven feet or more.

Thought Located.—The N-rays of Blondlot are not only emitted by the nerves and muscles of man and animals, but it appears that they increase with activity in the body. Continuing his experiments, Augustin Chappeletier has found that the whole spinal cord increases the phosphorescence of the test object. Contraction of the muscles is indicated, and the "motor-centers" of the cerebrum are made to be called into activity, even the center of speech showing its location by extra N-rays when the person is speaking.

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Good Theatrical Players.

(Continued from p. 11.)

The Windermere Opera House was crowded to the doors Tuesday night with a most appreciative audience to witness the production of "Dearest Mama" and "The Limerick Boy", by the Windermere Amateur Theatrical Club, in aid of the society.

The performance passed off smoothly, without a hitch, in a most pleasing and satisfactory manner. All characters were well sustained, earning the applause that was liberally bestowed upon their work.

In the cast presenting "Dearest Mama" were Mrs. R. A. Kington, as "Dearest Mama"; Mr. and Mrs. B. H. Washburn, as Mr. and Mrs. Harry Clinton; Mr. J. Bulman, as Mr. Brower, Uncle to Clinton; Mrs. R. W. Patmore, as Mrs. Honeywood, Mrs. Clinton's school friend; Mr. E. N. Russell, friend to Clinton, and Mr. L. A. Bulman, as Jones, servant.

"The Limerick Boy" was presented by Mr. V. F. Dunn, as Paddy Miles; Mr. J. Bulman, as Dr. Coates; Mr. E. N. Russell, as Harry Coates; Mr. P. Hart, as the gardener; Mr. L. A. Bulman, as Reuben; Mrs. R. A. Kington, as Mrs. Fidget, and Mrs. R. W. Patmore, as Jane.

Mr. and Mrs. Troyer furnished the music. After the program a short social hop was enjoyed, thus very successfully winding up the second appearance of the Windermere amateur actors before the public.

Channel Insured.

The secretary of the Windermere District Liberal Association has a letter from Mr. W. A. Galliher, M. P. for this district, in which he says:

"I have a communication from the Resident Engineer, Mr. Keefer, stating that the work on the channel to Wilmer will be undertaken at the first favorable moment that he can work to advantage."

Mr. Galliher is to stop off at Golden this week on his way to Ottawa and deliver an address.

Mr. Wells Lumber Bill.

Victoria Colonist: In the press of business in the closing of the session of the Legislature not as much consideration was given as would otherwise have been the case to the resolution moved by Mr. Wells in reference to the lumber industry. At the present time the lumbermen of this province consider that they are entitled to have legislation passed by the Dominion Parliament to put them on equal terms with their competitors in the United States. Canadian lumber imported into the United States is subject to a duty of one dollar per thousand feet. But American lumber can be imported into Canada free of duty. Few persons will deny that this constitutes an unfair burden on the Canadian lumberman in his competition with his American rival. For several years the Canadian lumbermen have been asking legislation to remove this inequality but the Government has not granted it that the people in the Northwest Territories might secure cheap lumber. Now the price of lumber has fallen and the business depressed. It is not protection—in the meaning generally attached to the word in the discussion of fiscal matters—that is asked for. If the United States duty were abolished, the Canadian lumbermen would not ask for any duty to be imposed on imported American lumber. What they ask is that a Canadian duty shall be imposed on imported American lumber as long as Canadian lumber is taxed across the boundary. It is earnestly to be hoped that this reasonable request will be granted at the ensuing session of Parliament.

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Wm.
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Rev. Fraser will conduct services every Sunday in Windermere at 11 a.m. and at 3 p.m. and Wilmer at 7:30 a.m., arriving the first Sunday in each month, when he holds services at Golden.